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SUBJECT: Siegfried Zoglmann, FDP Whip in the Bundestag

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One of the FDP deputies who has become a good deal more prominent since the elections is Siegfried Zoglmann. He took a leading part in the coalition negotiations, and was subsequently chosen as FDP whip in the Bundestag. He was also selected as one of the FDP alternate members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, thereby emerging as one of the new foreign policy spokesmen for the party.

Zoglmann and FDP Deputy Wolfgang Döring are thinking about making a trip to the United States in May. Zoglmann wants to include California and Arizona in his itinerary; he has expressed particular interest in the political activity and prospects of Senator Goldwater.

Zoglmann is going to join Bundestag President Gerstenmaier in Tanganyika around February 12. Zoglmann has been on several hunting expeditions in Africa and has traveled extensively over the Eastern half of the continent. He was on a hunting trip with Hemingway's son at the time he received word of his father's death.

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In the previous Bundestag Zoglmann made himself somewhat conspicuous by boldly listing himself in the Bundestag handbook as a former Hitler Youth leader and as a former section chief in the office of the Reichsprotektor in Bohemia and Moravia. He is a journalist by profession, and is still active as manager of a firm, with headquarters in Duesseldorf, which publishes three papers. During the coalition negotiations Chancellor Adenauer reputedly offered Zoglmann the post of State Secretary in the Federal Press Office. Whether this was seriously meant was at the time a cause of considerable speculation. In any case, the idea did not get very far. Nevertheless, the Chancellor is reputed to have a good opinion of Zoglmann's abilities. He is a trim, active man, obviously intelligent, and expresses himself well. As FDP whip, he is a member of the so-called Coalition Committee of the Bundestag. By his own account, the main part of the work has been devolving upon him and his CDU opposite, Will Rasner.

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